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MAGNOLIA GRANDIFLORA IN GRAY'S MANUAL RANGE — Some groups of very old trees of *Magnolia grandiflora* L. were discovered growing in sandy soil of a swamp in Princess Anne County, Virginia during the course of mid-winter field work on the vegetation of Virginia. Many seedlings of various sizes were also growing in the area.

The northern edge of the magnolia swamp occurs about two miles southeast of Pungo. The area of magnolias extends for about a mile southward and is more than one-half mile wide in places. The land has been partially drained and some of it is cultivated; other areas are used for hog-

runs. Drainage operations were going on at the time of collecting the specimens.

An attempt to count the magnolia plants was started, but was abandoned when it became evident that the number would run into the hundreds. Some associates of the magnolia in the Virginia locale are *Pinus taeda*, *Ilex vomitoria*, *Persea borbonia*, *Liquidambar styraciflua*, *Myrica cerifera*, *Gelsemium sempervirens*, and *Baccharis halimifolia*.

After seeing prized specimens of *Magnolia grandiflora* in such far-away places as Oxford, England; Cairo, Egypt; and the Canary Islands, it is of considerable interest to find this strikingly-beautiful American tree growing in a region which has been settled for three centuries, and to add it to the range of Gray's Manual, which has included Virginia for 107 years. Specimens of the *Magnolia*, *Harvill 11044*, are deposited in the herbarium of Longwood College.

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